CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A low-color ultraviolet absorber compound conforming to the structure represented by Formula (IV)

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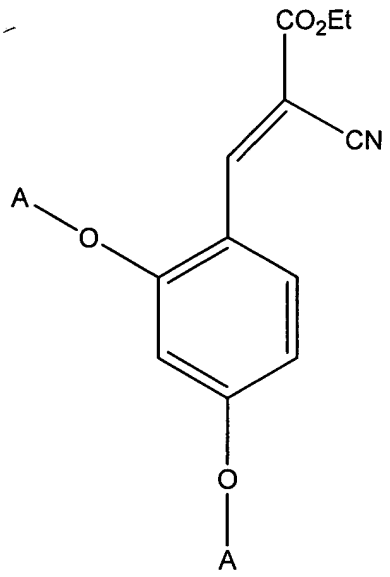

wherein A is represented by the Formula (II)

(II) [polyoxyalkylene constituent]R'

wherein polyoxyalkylene constituent is selected from the group consisting of from 1 unit to as many as 100 repeating units of at least one of C_{2-20} alkyleneoxy, glycidol, glycidyl, and any mixtures thereof, and R' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-20} alkoxy, C_{1-20} alkyl, and C_{1-20} esters, wherein

said compound exhibits a Gardner color value of at most [X] 11 in its pure, undiluted state.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method of making the compound of Claim 1 wherein said method comprises the sequential steps of

a) reacting resorcinol with a compound [selected from the group consisting of at least one compound comprising] having at least one [oxyalkylene-containing] polyoxyalkylene-containing pendant group thereon selected from the group consisting of at least one C_2-C_{20} alkylene oxide, glycidol, and any mixtures thereof, in the presence of a catalyst to produce a polyalkoxylated resorcinol comprising polyalkoxylate hydroxyl groups; and

b) reacting the reaction product of step "a" with a compound having a functional group that protects [whereby said compound protects] the polyalkoxylate hydroxyl groups of the polyalkoxylated resorcinol;

c) converting the product of step "b" to an aromatic aldehyde through the production of a Vilsmeier complex;

d) subsequently reacting the aldehyde of step "c" with a deacetylating compound to [lierate] liberate the polyalkoxylate hydroxyl groups; and

e) subsequently reacting the resultant product of step "d' with an alkyl cyanoester.

Claim 3 (original): A thermoplastic comprising the compound of Claim 1.

Claim 4 (original): The thermoplastic of Claim 3 wherein said thermoplastic is polyester.

Claim 5 (original): The polyester of Claim 4 wherein said polyester is polyethylene terephthalate.

Claim 6 (original): A composition comprising the compound of Claim 1 and at least one bluing agent.

Claim 7 (original): A pelletized composition comprising the compound of Claim 1 and at least one bluing agent.

Claim 8 (original): A method of making a thermoplastic article comprising the steps of

a) providing a molten formulation of a thermoplastic;

b) introducing at least one compound conforming with the compound as defined in Claim 1 within said molten formulation; and

c) allowing the resultant molten formulation to cool.

Claim 9 (original): The method of Claim 8 wherein said thermoplastic comprises polyester.

Claim 10 (original): The method of Claim 9 wherein said polyester comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

Claim 11 (original): A method of making a thermoplastic article comprising the steps of

a) providing a molten formulation of a thermoplastic;

b) introducing the composition as defined in Claim 6 within said molten

formulation; and

c) allowing the resultant molten formulation to cool.

Claim 12 (original): The method of Claim 11 wherein said thermoplastic comprises polyester.

Claim 13 (original): The method of Claim 12 wherein said polyester comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

Claim 14 (original): A method of making a thermoplastic article comprising the steps of

a) providing a molten formulation of a thermoplastic;

b) introducing at least one pellet as defined in Claim 7 within said molten formulation; and

c) allowing the resultant molten formulation to cool.

Claim 15 (original): The method of Claim 14 wherein said thermoplastic comprises polyester.

Claim 16 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein said polyester comprises polyethylene terephthalate.